GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
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Special Olympics Bharat
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Special Olympics Bharat as a scheme of National Sports Federation in the priority category, apart from selection and training of athletes also provideds other facilities to the differently abled athletes;
(b) the number of sports persons who are differently abled and have participated in the Special Olympics Bharat during the last three years;
(c) whether adequate funds are allocated and utilized to ensure that there are adequate number of coaches and equipment provided to the students so that they get quality training at Special Olympics Bharat; and
(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)
(a) Special Olympic Bharat (SOB) has been accorded recognition by the Government as a National Sports Federation (NSF). It is responsible for promotion of various sports and games for differently abled athletes. It has been categorized under 'Priority' discipline by the Government for providing financial assistance for organizing national/international events in India, participation in international events abroad, coaching/training of national team, equipment support etc in accordance with the norms under the Scheme of 'Assistance to National Sports Federations'. Selection of athletes is the responsibility of the NSFs concerned including SOB and Government does not interfere in the matter of selection of athletes.
(b) The details of athletes with intellectual disability who participated in the Special Olympic Games during the last 3 years is as under:-
Year Participants
2013 58 (Special Olympic World Winter Games)
2015 213 (Special Olympic World Summer Games)
(c)&(d) Government has provided financial assistance to SOB under the Scheme of 'Assistance to NSFs' during the last 4 years for coaching/training of national teams, organizing national championships in India, participation in international events abroad, etc are as under:-
<pre>Year Assistance provided (Rs.in lakhs)
2012-13 69.28
2013-14 274.51
2014-15 19.17
2015-16(as in Dec, 2015) 412.28</pre>
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